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o, on the Strait of Basilan. This portion rending toward Borneo, and is continued d an immense submerged ridge as shown by the greater and lesser Sulus, Zamboanga, the capital of Mindanao, was the eride of the Spanish colonists and is today

the admiration of every visitor to these The town is prettily situated on the coast sufroundings are pleasing. Dwellings are water; houses of wood, neatly thatched, nestle in a picture-sque manner amidst ex-uberant foliage white walls peep forth from clusters of green leaves and bowers of crimson blossoms, as the Spanlards were wont to say, like a spiendid garden in their own smiling Andalusia. A massive stone fort, the interior of which was entirely detroyed by the insurgents, stands at one end f the town. Its moss-covered walls, now nore than two and a half centuries old, are At the other end of the town, and exending for many miles along the beach, are becamut graves and plantations of rice and s through the center of the village and e-spreading trees extend their branches they meet high in the air. The stream here and watch the strange-looking people hat go by under this archway of living to dry in the patches of

almond trees. Breezes blow continu the troops are formed every evening at

The fragrance of many flowers fills the great ball of fire in the waves of the ocean the flag is carefully lowered while the band plays the inspiring strains of the Star Spangled Banner, and every hat is its mighty folds kissed by the rays of the passes like a benediction over the heads of

The troops wheel away in quick time to by on the breeze. Several Moro canoes are out to sea a small boat, with an immense ower of any earthly artist to reproduce. and, a sweep of the mighty ocean. Durvarious points are seen tall ing in at sunset through these rice fields. sun painting the whole scene with its self in fairvland, were it not that we are ner in which nature endows all things in

Calixto's Burial Place.

short distance farther on was the church indeed a sad spectacle. Magnificent readways lead to neighboring villages through plantations of hemp.

groves of coccanut trees and vast plains covered with rice fields. In many places tall banana trees rustle their leaves overand the green follage of luxuriant tropical vegetation on all sides makes the are found charming little habitations set down amid prosperous fields, and half con-cealed by the banana trees and shrubbery.

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other in the amount of noise made by the bright little rats inside, as they repeat aloud and in concert page after page of the catechism. English is also taught, and have heard these native children sing harp is a favorite instrument, and the native women sing quaint sweet songs to this accompaniment, with sometimes just a touch of sadness that lends an additional charm to their music. All of the village stores and many of the wayside houses are provided with little "tiendas," where refreshments are sold by native girls, who invite the passers-by to sit for

erties too highly."

tracts in the Kern District.

a while and drink "vino" or "tuba," and take a little "dulce," or fruit, for which a

few pennies are charged. Comfortable Country Houses. Country houses are often large and comfortable, with plenty of ventilation and wide verandas. They contain an upper and roofs are usually of nipa thatch. The lower floor is used for store rooms and granaries, the upper floor alone being used for living purposes. Broad flights of stairs lead up to the verandas and great open windows eight or ten feet wide reveal the interior. The roofs are very steep and high, giving the houses much the appearance of Swiss chalets. Pet turkeys strut about the houseyard and game roosters, with magnificent plumage, crow lustily in anticipation of the morrow's victory, while crested white cockatoos scream at every passer-by from cages of bamboo; and like dark hair tumbling in disorder over her bare shoulders, smiles coquettishly as she raises her wondrous eyes from her needle work or swings lazily in a great hammock on the veranda, quite conscious of the ad-

miring glances cast her way as the "Americanos' go riding by.

A few miles out of town the Santa Maria overshadow this peaceful land. Several expeditions have been made into these mountains by our troops, and the way has been found to be almost impassable. In winnowing machines, for the depths of these mountain ranges the rice from the straw. Rid-et through these rice fields. They experienced many thrilldangerous precipices by means of ropes. Game of all kinds was found and our peo-ple lived on venison and wild boar. When

well broiled over a camp fire this meat was found to be delicious. After the Spanish left Zamboanga there was a revolution. The local "presidente," Senor Alvarez, was forced to flee for his life, and Isidoro Midel succeeded to power. He had the support of Datto Mandi and One of the first villages I visited after the Moros. Shortly after this revolution coming to Zamboanga was Tetuan. The the town of Zamboanga was voluntarily surrendered to the American commander of the United States ship Castine; so that when General Bates came to Zamboanga to make that place his headquarters with the

31st United States Volunteer Infantry, the revolution was an accomplished fact. Presidente Midel.

Isidoro Midel, the "presidente" of Zamboanga, is a man about forty years of age, of slight build and medium height, whose features and manner denote a man who would not readily abandon any cause he might decide to espouse. He is a Filipino, born in Tetuan, a town adjacent to Zam-boanga. He was "jefe local" of Tetuan prior to his election to his present office and "gobernadorcillo," or mayor, under the Spanish administration. His men shot and killed Milanio Calixto, the insurgent chief, at Tetuan, under pretext of turning out the guard in his henor. Calixto was a young artillery officer sent to Zamboanga from Luzon. He was an insurgent heart and soul, and to his intelligence was due whatever power Aguinaldo possessed in this locality. The insurgent leadership was in the hands of Vicente Alvarez, then

cealed by the banana trees and shrubbery, while here and there a pretentious village peeps forth from groves of cocoanut trees, some of which are more than 100 feet high. Frequently a church, surmounted by the cross of the Jesuits, and casting its dark shadow over the gardens of some ancient convent, looms up, while on every side are seen the rarest of flowers, together with rosses and lilles and sweet magnolias. Usuaily there is a large municipal building in the center of each village, and perhaps two school houses near by, one for boys and Eczema; No Cure No Pay.

'presidente' of Zamboanga. Alvarez was unable to control the insurgents, who committed all sorts of depredations and burned and looted part of the town. The actions of the insurgents greatly aided Midel in arousing the indignant populace against them. Midel was the chief factor in organizing a force with which to drive the tion over the place was shortly after confirmed by Commander Very of the Castine and subsequently by General Bates. The people of this part of the island are of three distinct races. The Moros are by far the most numerous. The head of the Moros in the district of Zamboanga is Datto Mandi, who is every inch a man, and well fitted to command the ten thousand fighting men that are said to recognize his authority. Second to the Moros in number are the Filipinos; and the third people replast-mentioned race is Captain Tlawa, a Chinaman whose word is law to every ce-lestial within the limits of his jurisdiction. During the Spanish rule Zamboanga was a of twenty thousand inhabitants. Christians, Chinese and Moros. It was the seat of the political and military government of the island. It is the pres ital and enjoys the reputation of having the most beautiful women in the Philippines. The town is clean and the conditions for health are good. Sickness among the troops at Zamboanga is rare. Notwithstanding the fact that we are nearer climate here is very mild and equable. Varfous statements have been made in regard to the climate of Mindanao and its effect on white people, but the records show that the percentage of sickness and death among the American troops here is far less than that shown by the health reports of our American cities. If one is permanently situated in a good locality, where he can get plenty of wholesome food, he is likely to remain well. To be on the safe side the newcomer to Mindanao should drink spar-

ngly of water, and that should be boiled and cooled again before using. He should be scrupulously careful about his diet, avoid excesses of all kinds and keep out of the sun as much as possible during the middle of the day. Malaria and digestive troubles are chiefly to be feared. The effects of many diseases much dreaded in temperate many diseases much dreaded in temperate climates are mild here, and aside from the above named diseases the danger from sickness is comparatively slight.
Fortunately the 31st has lost very few men; but a military funeral for some rea-son always seems doubly sad. Perhaps it is because it is so simple. When Private Van Orman died, I remember, the troops were formed in front of the hospital and the band played "Rock of Ages" while they placed the casket on the caisson, which was nothing more than an army wagon drawn by mules; but it was draped in black and white cloth, and the casket was covered with beautiful flowers. The battalion marched to the old Spanish cemetery beyond the fort, and the men of C company bore the remains to the grave.

grave, and the company trumpeter blew "taps." Then the battalion marched away, and daily duties, for the moment laid aside, were taken up again. Savages to Deal With.

burial service, after which the armed es-

Conditions in this part of the Philippines are very different from what they are in Luzon. These people down here know little and care less about Aguinaldo, as the fate of Calixto shows; but the States may well have grave apprehensions as to the outcome of our policy toward the Moros. These people are simply savages of the most cunning and treacherous type. Moreover, they are Mohammedans, with all that that implies. That they can fight is attested by the fact that Spain sent a splendid army against them into the inspiendid army against them into the in-terior, and the Moros greatly harassed them, while their decimation was com-pleted by disease and starvation. It has been well said that our officers on duty in Mindanao and the Sulus are placed in a Mindanao and the Sulus are placed in a most difficult position, being apparently damned if they do and damned if they don't. There is no standard of punishment for civil offenses, and each commanding officer must be the judge of what is required of him. The task of forcing the Moros to accept our standards is a difficult one, and is not in keeping with the relies to the standard. s not in keeping with the policy toward them which the American government has judged by the ordinary standards of mili-tary responsibility in time of peace among civilized people. The 31st was sent to Min-danao. after Gen. Bates had made his fam-

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The Spaniards built many substantial ally from the ocean, which spreads away in front, and here in the shade of the

from a tall staff overlooking the scene, and "America" for all the world like our boys long lines of glittering bayonets mark the and girls in the United States, and with a steady ranks of the soldiers formed along remarkable charm, for they are a very muthe road. Suddenly the brazen throats of sical people and fond of singing. The great

the strange people assembled there to see what kind of stuff Uncle Sam's soldiers are quarters and supper; but this sunset scene is too beautiful to let such thoughts as "mess" intrude. Looking far out to sea a lower story. Sometimes they are built of and beyond the Islands of Santa Cruz are smooth boards sawed out by hand. The seen several palm-covered islands, that in the uncertain light of the evening seem to pearl that abounds in its depths, opalescent

be suspended in mid-air. The sea is as smooth and full of fire as the mother of half cloud. It is as if these far-off islands wind like a great bird. The sun has just and Ayala, all admirably situated in ultra-tropical surroundings and full of inany one who enjoys a ride over readways, through rich plantahere and there a glimpse of the ing the rice harvest it is a fine sight to see the great fields with the whole population the mountains of Palombato, that eternally

main point of interest, after entering the forest in which the town is located, was the strong native guard, armed with rifles, was stationed at the door, and two Nordenfeldt rapid-fire guns stood just within the halland just at the corner there was a mound if earth by the roadside which was easily Here, only a few paces from where he fell rough mound of earth lies the power of aldo a Zamboanga. One experiences feeling akin to pity in passing this wayside grave, for Calixto, while fighting for a lost cause, was an ardent follower of his chief; and to be shot down like a dog by ple he came to fight for was